

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a security function with a user, comprising:

imprinting the user with at least one ~~cryptographic~~ primitive determined from a sensory mechanism; ~~and~~

determining a number of presentation steps, thereby providing variable probability levels for customizable security; and

at least one of authorizing, identifying or authenticating the user according to an ability to ~~recall-discriminate between~~ said at least one imprinted ~~cryptographic~~ primitive and at least one non-imprinted primitive, said at least one imprinted primitive and said at least one non-imprinted primitive being presented to said user in said number of presentation steps.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said imprinting comprises implicit learning by the user.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said at least one ~~cryptographic~~ primitive is used to encrypt a message according to a one-way function.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~a one-time pad comprises~~ said at least one ~~cryptographic~~ primitive is used only once.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~a near-zero knowledge function comprises~~ said at least one ~~cryptographic~~ primitive is exposed using a near-zero knowledge protocol.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said sensory mechanism comprises vision, such that said at least one ~~cryptographic~~ primitive comprises ~~recognizing~~ an image.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said recognizing said image comprises:

training the user on a plurality of trained images; and
testing the user on a combination of a trained image with at least one distractor image.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said at least one distractor image comprises a plurality of distractor images.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said testing comprises:
selecting a plurality of different trained images by the user in sequence, said sequence providing said ~~cryptographic~~ primitive for determining said at least one of authorizing, identifying or authenticating the user.

10. (currently amended) A method for authenticating, authorizing or identifying a user, comprising:

training the user with information through a sensory mechanism; and
determining a number of presentation steps, thereby providing variable probability levels for customizable security; and
determining accurate discrimination between at least one imprinted primitive and at least one non-imprinted primitive, recall of said information to authenticate, authorize or identify the ~~user~~ user, said at least one imprinted primitive and said at least one non-imprinted primitive being presented to said user in said number of presentation steps.

11. (currently amended) A method for a one-way function for authenticating, authorizing or identifying a user, comprising:

imprinting the user with a ~~cryptographic~~ primitive; and
determining a number of presentation steps, thereby providing variable probability levels for customizable security; and
testing said imprinting with at least a similar or identical ~~cryptographic~~ primitive to authenticate, authorize or identify the user, wherein said testing comprises determining whether the user is capable of discriminating between at least one

imprinted primitive and at least one non-imprinted primitive, said at least one imprinted primitive and at said least one non-imprinted primitive being presented to said user in said number of presentation steps.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said cryptographic primitive is derived from input according to a sensory mechanism.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said input comprises at least one image and said sensory mechanism is visual.

14. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said input comprises at least one pseudoword and said sensory mechanism is verbal.

15. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said sensory mechanism is selected from the group consisting of tactile, olfactory, audible and taste.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said testing comprises determining whether the user is capable of discriminating between an imprinted cryptographic primitive and a non-imprinted cryptographic primitive.